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SUBJECT: ECONADS: APRIL 27-28 REINFORCED MEETING
ON SOVIET BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

REF: (A)USNATO 2982, (B) PAPENDORP/DAMERON TELECON,
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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE SPECIAL COURIER-POUCHED COPIES OF OER'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE APRIL REINFORCED MEETING ON SOVIET B/P AND HAVE IN TURN PASSED IT TO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE FOR TRANSLATION AND CIRCULATION AS AN ECONADS DOCUMENT.
2. WE APPRECIATE THIS HIGHLY SATISFACTORY LEAD TIME ESPECIALLY NECESSARY NOW THAT THE VOLUME OF NATO DOCUMENTS SWELLS IN PREPARATION FOR MAY SUMMIT. THIS SHOULD PERMIT NATIONAL EXPERTS TO RECEIVE AND ABSORB THE REPORT WELL BEFORE THE MEETING AND HENCE STIMULATE DISCUSSION.
3. IF NOT ALREADY UNDERWAY (OR NOT SCHEDULED FOR EARLY PUBLICATION AS A SEPERATE NFAD REPORT), WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE A COPY OF THE PAPER

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TO EMBASSY MOSCOW. WE NOTE THAT PORTIONS OF THE CONTRIBUTION HAVE APPEARED AS ARTICLES ON SOVIET MACHINERY ORDERS AND HARD CURRENCY POSITION IN RECENT ISSUES OF THE EIRW.

4. THUS FAR THERE ARE TWO ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS PERTINENT TO THE REINFORCED MEETING: (A) AC/127-WP/554,

A FRENCH MEMORANDUM ON "GOLD, OTHER PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMSTONES IN THE SOVIET ECONOMY" AND, (B) AN ARTICLE CIRCULATED BY THE GERMAN ECONAD, "MYTH AND REALITY OF THE SOVIET GOLD POLICY" BY SIEGFRIED SCHOPPE IN FEB 1 ISSUE OF "INTERECONOMICS". THE FRENCH PAPER WAS PRODUCED BY THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OF THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL DE LA DEFENSE NATIONAL. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF THE SCHOPPE ARTICLE TO OER, SOV, AND EMBASSY MOSCOW AND HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED THE LATTER WITH THE FRENCH REPORT.

5. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON US EXPERT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE APRIL 27-28 MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS WILL BE TIGHT AND WE SHOULD RESERVE EARLY. IN ADDITION WE WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW MAY HAVE FOR POINTS WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THE MEETING'S AGENDA.

6. CANADIAN ECONAD INFORMS US THAT ERIK K. SOLEM, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, WILL BE OTTAWA'S EXPERT AT MEETING. BENNETT

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